

Mercy Seekers

“... Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

There is an old nursery rhyme, which goes like this “Little Jack Horner sat in a corner eating his Christmas Pie. He put in his thumb and pulled out a plumb and said what a good boy am I.” So goes the little rhyme but just recently as we were breaking ground for our new Mary’s Village I got to thinking. There were many speakers who waxed eloquently at the podium. I was praised and many affirmations were coming my way. It felt good and was very affirming. Then came the truth and realization. To God be the glory. It is the Lord who has accomplished this and it is wonderful to behold. Also this new project is under the title of Mary, the Mother of God. She has helped bring this about as she has everything in Mary’s Mercy center. Finally the scripture confirms it “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psalm 14). All that happens at Mary’s Mercy Center God has brought it about. So often we can get ahead of the Lord and take credit. It is more important to give the Lord credit and unite with Him rather than claim victory. There is only victory in Christ Jesus! At Mary’s Mercy center we share His love but it is His love not our love. It is His love in us that allows us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need.

- *Father Mike*

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Volunteers, You’re Invited!



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

WHAT? Mary’s Mercy Center’s
2018 Volunteer Luncheon

WHEN? March 3rd 2 PM to 5 PM

WHERE? Our Lady of the Assumption Church,
796 W 48th St, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Your invitation should be arriving soon.
Yes you are welcome to bring your spouse.
We will start with mass at 2 PM in the church.
Remember to RSVP by February 20th, please!
By mail, by phone or by e-mail we look forward
to hearing from you soon.

Congratulations



“Lizbeth” received a “Star of the Week” award. She is at grade level in all subjects AND helps other students. Does it get any better? She is not only excelling she is helping others excel too. Nancy has been working and studying hard. Now with only three months to go before she graduates from UEI College’s Automotive Technician program.



Nancy and “Lizbeth” we are proud of you - keep up the good work!



Congratulations to Br. Victor Taglianetti! Br Victor took his final vows this month. It has been a long road with his discernment and studies and through it all his servant’s heart has shone brightly. We have loved the time he spent here as a volunteer and cannot express how happy we are for him.

Veronica’ Home of Mercy welcomes Itzel and Stacey are our new moms to be. Itzel is ready for the birth of her new baby... any day now. While Stacey has a bit more time to prepare for baby.



We also welcome Jashelle and her two daughters Jai'lynn and Jaidan.





WOW! We held the ground breaking for Mary's Village on January 9th. The original weather forecast for the day included rain but God blessed us with sunshine. The blessings went far beyond the weather. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians gave a grant of over \$7 million dollars that will fund the first two phases of Mary's Village. We will continue working for the funding of phases 3 & 4.. There were city, county, and state officials who came to publicly support the project with words of affirmation. We were very happy to have so many people who have over the years been actively involved with Mary's Mercy Center: e.g. Sisters of the Incarnate Word, Crestwood, HomeAid IE, San Bernardino County Sheriffs, Inland Behavioral Health, and many more. We are grateful to Bishop Gerald Barnes for attending and leading us in prayer for this endeavor. We thank Terry Klenske for his speech highlighting how just a little compassion to an individual can make a dramatic difference in their life. Words are not enough but we thank the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their generosity and congratulate them on the recognition they received for unflagging dedication to uplifting the community.

MLK

"what are you doing for others?"

Representative Pete Aguilar and staff from Kaiser-Permanete came to Mary's Table to observe Martin Luther King Day by serving the homeless and poor of our community. It was great to have the help. Thank you!



Mary's Mercy Center

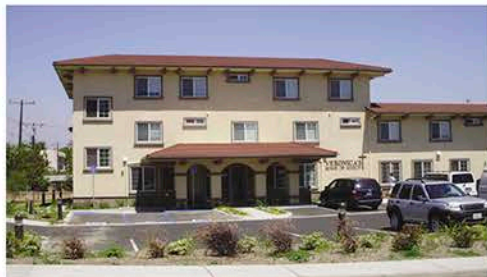
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Did You KNOW



In December 2018 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **5,685** (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **413** (over 3 Wednesdays)

Showers (including a change of clothes): **360**

Hygiene kits: **245 plus 78 shaving kits**

Hair Cuts: **17**

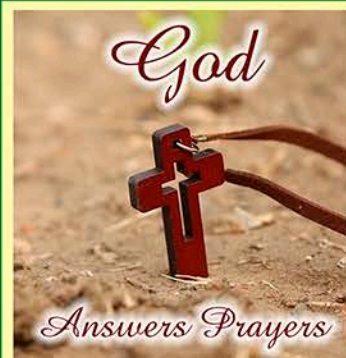
Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **167** of which **147** were for extreme emergencies.

Thursday Giveaway: **550 individuals & families**

Children's Program: **22 families' needs were met.** We also gave **2 playpens, 3 car seats, 2 strollers, 40 baby blankets, a box of toys and 100 pounds of baby clothes.**

Because of your donated goods we were also able to give 107 pairs of shoes and 103 blankets.

THANK YOU - what we are able to do is possible because



Heavenly Father, at this time we lovingly pray for our nation. We ask You to give our President wisdom beyond understanding and courage to choose right over wrong no matter the obstacles. With urgency we pray that our president and leaders receive and accept Your will and guidance. We bring the needs of our nation before You and ask You to bless our nation with servant leaders. Lord, we also ask You send Your Spirit across this nation to help all of us discern good from evil, not with eyes of flesh but through the eyes of Your Son, Jesus. Lord, with humble hearts, filled with gratitude, we thank You for Your great mercies and blessings. Amen.